

## Square 1

1. Each quarter provides lessons from both the Old and New Testaments. D6 EveryDay curriculum provides a three-year study of the story of the Bible. There are still units based on Heartprints (the main biblical concept or truth from each unit that we want to imprint on a child's heart that is repeated throughout the lesson), but they are not necessarily month-based.
2. Check out the *Weekly Teaching Essential* List to help you in preparation for the quarter. While your *Teaching Guide* lists items needed for each lesson, this list can help you at the front end of the quarter to help you know which *Teaching Essentials* are needed for each lesson.
3. Talking Points are a guide to help you communicate to the children how the different activities relate to the lesson being taught.
4. For many churches, the Fall quarter is when children are moved into the next age group. Get to know the children in your class and their families. Be sure that parents complete information and safety forms for their child. Take note of any allergies a child may have.
5. Check classroom supplies and take advantage of Back-to-School sales to stock up on items that are often used (crayons, glue sticks, glue, scissors, etc.). Be sure to purchase extra boxes of tissues and hand sanitizer for the upcoming winter months. Consider asking parents to donate of of each of the items.

Welcome to the new D6 EveryDay Curriculum! Here are a few helpful hints and ideas to help you get started!

1. Page 2 explains the ideology for D6 EveryDay Curriculum and explains the five steps around which each lesson is built. Page 3 tells what is included in the Teaching Resources. It also provides information about an additional resource that is available for your students—*Kids' Cards*.
2. Page 4 provides the Get Ready! list. The top section is your shopping list—things you may need to purchase for the different activities. The bottom section lists items that may need to be gathered or brought to class for the different activities. Decide which activity options you will use for each lesson and circle, highlight, or make a checkmark beside the different items needed for the lessons. Be sure you obtain the different items for each week and know where they are so they will be easily accessible when you need them. Early preparation is the key to avoiding last-minute frustration with a lesson.
3. Upon receiving the Teaching Resources, cut apart the Teaching Pictures along the dotted lines. Make a copy of all reproducibles and *Take 'n Talks* at the beginning of the quarter. Be sure to always have a few extras for visitors. Create an organizational system that works best for you and your classroom.
4. *Take 'n Talks* are a weekly link between the class and home. One side provides a worksheet-style activity that can be used either in the classroom or done at home with a parent. The other side is designed to reinforce the weekly lessons and themes and help continue the conversation at home. It includes the Heartprint, the Scripture, the application verse that is being learned, a simple summary of what was taught, two activities for families to do together, the song the child learned and sang in class, and a suggested idea of what to pray with the child.
5. Browse through the Teaching Guide at the beginning of the quarter, and utilize the Preparation Checklist provided for every lesson. It is a list of what is needed for the

different parts of the lesson, whether it is a *Teaching Essential*, a common classroom item, or one that needs to be obtained prior to class.

6. Read through the lesson at the beginning of the week. Then review the lesson daily.

Begin the week by gathering items for any of the different centers or activities for that week's lesson. Do NOT wait until Saturday to begin preparing.

7. Create centers and choose Craft and Bible activities that best fit the needs of your classroom. You know your children best. Feel free to adapt any of these to the personalities of your children.

8. Included in *Square 1 Teaching Resources* is a copy of *Cuddle Time Bible Storybook*. This full-color storybook has three distinct stories based on three of the preschool Heartprints for the quarter. Use it in a book center in your classroom. It is also available for families to order to use as a resource to continue the conversation of the lessons at home.

9. Download and copy some of the bonus coloring pages at [www.d6teacher.com](http://www.d6teacher.com) to use in art centers, to send home with the children, or for when services run long.

10. Pray each day for the children in your class and ask God to use you to help children learn God's Word and know how to apply it to their lives.